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Status report on the 2014–2015 reporting and review process

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Summary

This document provides a status report on the 2014–2015 reporting and review process. It contains information on reports submitted by 31 July 2014, the formal deadline for submission of inputs from reporting entities, as well as reports that have undergone a data quality improvement exercise undertaken in consultations with country Parties and other relevant reporting entities up to 3 October 2014.

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I. Introduction

1. By its decision 16/COP.11, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requests the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, as relevant, to undertake a number of improvements for the 2014–2015 reporting and review exercise, including: (a) to simplify the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS) and reduce the overall number of performance indicators; (b) to improve the reporting format and enhance the usability of online reporting; and (c) to prepare revised reporting guidelines and templates accordingly. By the same decision, the COP requested the Convention's institutions: (a) to undertake capacity-building activities on the alignment of national action programmes, performance and progress reporting in each region or subregion, including, inter alia, regional workshops; and (b) to explore mechanisms and a data quality framework prior to the review by the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), in order to increase the reliability of information.

2. Reporting templates for affected and developed country Parties were issued at the beginning of February 2014, and other reporting tools (reporting manual and glossary) were made available in the six official languages of the United Nations; the new PRAIS portal was released at the beginning of May 2014 in order to facilitate uploading the reporting templates. Technical assistance was provided through an online help desk, subregional training workshops and regional backstopping from the end of April/beginning of May to 3 October 2014.[1] Financial assistance was also provided to eligible countries to contribute to national costs for reporting.[2]

II. Status of the 2014–2015 reporting and review process

3. The Bureau of the CRIC, at its meeting on 3–4 February 2014, adopted a reporting and review time frame, according to which reports should have been submitted before 30 June 2014 with a view to completing the documentation required for CRIC 13, to be convened in the second half of November 2014. At its second intersessional meeting (23 June 2014), the Bureau reviewed the status of the reporting exercise and decided to extend the deadline for reporting by Parties and other reporting entities to 31 July 2014.

4. Taking into consideration that many Parties revised and resubmitted their reports as part of the quality improvement process,[3] the Bureau authorized the secretariat to prepare the preliminary analysis of reports received by 3 October 2014.

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[1] Technical assistance was provided through the Global Support Programme (GSP), funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Mechanism as executing agency. The GSP aims at increasing the quantity and improving the quality of information available for the review of the implementation of the Convention through: (a) developing further the national capacity to monitor the implementation of action programmes and to report to the governing bodies of the UNCCD; and (b) improving knowledge management and information sharing at the national, regional and global levels.

[2] Financial assistance was provided though the GEF enabling activities funding in support of the reporting and alignment of action programmes (the UNEP umbrella projects and the other two modalities to access the GEF enabling activities allocations).

[3] Forty-three affected country Parties, 11 developed country Parties and two subregional reporting entities decided to resubmit their reports as a result of the quality improvement process (annex, table 1).

5. By 3 October 2014, 159 of the 168 affected country Parties had submitted their national reports (annex, table 1). Fifty-three reports (or 98 per cent of the expected reports) were from Africa (annex, table 2); 47 (or 89 per cent) from Asia (annex, table 3); 31 (or 94 per cent) from Latin America and the Caribbean (annex, table 4); 12 from Northern Mediterranean countries (annex, table 5); and 15 from Central and Eastern European countries (annex, table 6), as well as one affected country Party not belonging to a regional implementation annex, submitted their reports, totalling 100 per cent.

6. Three of the 14 subregional reporting entities also submitted their reports (annex, table 7). No reports were received on the implementation of regional action programmes (annex, table 8).

7. Altogether, 31 developed country Parties (or 69 per cent) submitted their reports (annex, table 9).

8. The Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme also submitted their reports.

Figure 1

Overview of the national reports submitted in the 2014–2015 reporting and review exercise

Reporting countries
Affected country Party (ACP)
Developed country Party (DCP)
Both ACP and DCP
Not a member of the Convention

9. Table 1 in the annex contains information on the reports uploaded on the PRAIS portal by reporting entity, as well as on reports reviewed as part of the quality improvement process up to 3 October 2014. Tables 2 to 9 in the annex contain information on the reporting process by reporting entity, as well as by region and subregion, where applicable.

Annex

Status of the 2014–2015 reporting and review process by reporting entity and by regional implementation annex

Table 1
Overview of the 2014–2015 reporting and review process by reporting entity
(as at 3 October 2014)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*	*Reports reviewed as part of the quality improvement process*
Affected country Parties	**159**	**168**	**94**	**43**
Annex I - Africa	*53*	*54*	*98*	*10*
Annex II - Asia	*47*	*53*	*89*	*11*
Annex III - Latin America and the Caribbean	*31*	*33*	*94*	*6*
Annex IV - Northern Mediterranean	*12*	*12*	*100*	*6*
Annex V - Central and Eastern Europe	*15*	*15*	*100*	*9*
Other affected country Parties	*1*	*1*	*100*	*1*
Subregional reporting entities	**3**	**14**	**21**	**2**
Regional reporting entities	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Developed Parties	**31**	**45**	**69**	**11**
Other Parties not having indicated their status	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, including the Global Environment Facility	**3**			

Table 2
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex I (Africa)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% reports received/due*
Central Africa	**10**	**10**	**100**
Burundi			
Cameroon			
Central African Republic			
Chad			
Congo			
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Equatorial Guinea			
Gabon			
Rwanda			
Sao Tome and Principe			
Eastern Africa	**8**	**9**	**88**
Comoros			
Djibouti			
Eritrea			
Ethiopia			
Kenya			
Somalia			
Sudan			
Uganda			
Southern Africa	**14**	**14**	**100**
Angola			
Botswana			
Lesotho			
Madagascar			
Malawi			
Mauritius			
Mozambique			
Namibia			
Seychelles			
South Africa			
Swaziland			
United Republic of Tanzania			
Zambia			
Zimbabwe			
Western Africa	**15**	**15**	**100**
Benin			
Burkina Faso			

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
Cabo Verde			
Côte d'Ivoire			
Gambia			
Ghana			
Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau			
Liberia			
Mali			
Niger			
Nigeria			
Senegal			
Sierra Leone			
Togo			
Northern Africa	6	6	100
Algeria			
Egypt			
Libya			
Mauritania			
Morocco			
Tunisia			
Total Africa	53	54	98

Table 3
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex II (Asia)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
South-East Asia	**10**	**10**	**100**
Cambodia			
Indonesia			
Lao People's Democratic Republic			
Malaysia			
Myanmar			
Philippines			
Singapore			
Thailand			
Timor-Leste			
Viet Nam			
West Asia	**11**	**12**	**92**
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			
Iraq			
Jordan			
Kuwait			
Lebanon			
Oman			
Qatar			
Saudi Arabia			
Syrian Arab Republic			
United Arab Emirates			
Yemen			
Pacific	**12**	**15**	**80**
Cook Islands			
Fiji			
Kiribati			
Micronesia (Federated States of)			
Nauru			
Niue			
Palau			
Samoa			
Solomon Islands			
Tonga			
Tuvalu			
Vanuatu			
Central Asia	**5**	**5**	**100**
Kazakhstan			

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
Kyrgyzstan			
Tajikistan			
Turkmenistan			
Uzbekistan			
East Asia	**3**	**4**	**75**
China			
Mongolia			
Republic of Korea			
South Asia	**6**	**7**	**86**
Bangladesh			
Bhutan			
India			
Nepal			
Pakistan			
Sri Lanka			
Total Asia	**47**	**53**	**89**

Table 4
Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex III (Latin America and the Caribbean)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received due)*
Mesoamerica	**8**	**8**	**100**
Belize			
Costa Rica			
El Salvador			
Guatemala			
Honduras			
Mexico			
Nicaragua			
Panama			
South Cone	**5**	**5**	**100**
Argentina			
Brazil			
Chile			
Paraguay			
Uruguay			
Andean	**4**	**5**	**80**
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			
Ecuador			
Peru			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)			
Caribbean	**14**	**15**	**93**
Antigua and Barbuda			
Bahamas			
Cuba			
Dominican Republic			
Dominica			
Grenada			
Guyana			
Haiti			
Jamaica			
Saint Kitts and Nevis			
Saint Lucia			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			
Suriname			
Trinidad and Tobago			
Total Latin America and the Caribbean	**31**	**33**	**94**

Table 5

Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex IV (Northern Mediterranean)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received due)*
Albania			
Croatia			
Cyprus			
Greece			
Hungary			
Israel			
Italy			
Malta			
Portugal			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Turkey			
Total Northern Mediterranean countries	**12**	**12**	**100**

Table 6

Reports received from affected country Parties of Annex V (Central and Eastern Europe)

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received due)*
Armenia			
Azerbaijan			
Belarus			
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Bulgaria			
Georgia			
Latvia			
Montenegro			
Republic of Moldova			
Romania			
Russian Federation			
Serbia			
Slovakia			
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia			
Ukraine			
Total Central and Eastern European countries	**15**	**15**	**100**

Table 7
Reports received from subregional reporting entities

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
Subregional reporting entities[a]	**3**	**14**	**21**
Conference des ministres en charge des forêts d'Afrique Centrale			
Northeast Asia Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought Network			
The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia			

[a] A total of 14 subregional reporting entities were identified according to decision 3/COP.10: Conference des ministres en charge des forêts d'Afrique Centrale (Central Africa); Intergovernmental Authority on Development (Eastern Africa); Southern African Development Community (Southern Africa); Economic Community of West African States/Communaute economique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (Western Africa); Arab Maghreb Union (Northern Africa); Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (West Asia); The Center for People and Forests (South East Asia); Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Pacific); Northeast Asia Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought Network (East Asia); International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (South Asia); Central American Integration System (Mesoamerica); Andean Community of Nations (Andean subregion); Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (Caribbean); The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (Central Asia)

Table 8
Reports received from regional entities

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
Regional reporting entities[a]	**0**	**3**	**0**

[a] A total of three regional reporting entities were identified according to decision 3/COP.10: African Union (Africa); The Center for People and Forests (Asia); United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Table 9
Reports received from developed country Parties

	Reports received	*Reports due*	*% (reports received/due)*
Andorra			
Austria			
Belgium			
Bulgaria			
Croatia			
Cyprus			
Czech Republic			
Denmark			
Finland			
France			
Germany			
Greece			
Hungary			
Israel			
Italy			
Japan			
Latvia			
Liechtenstein			
Lithuania			
Monaco			
Netherlands			
Norway			
Portugal			
Romania			
Slovakia			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Sweden			
Switzerland			
Turkey			
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland			
Total developed country Parties	**31**	**45**	**69**